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Re: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund
Docket No. 1997-239-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas ("Embarq") is in receipt of the notice of hearing issued on January 31, 2007 in the above-referenced docket. The notice provides that the Commission will hold a hearing on April 19, 2007 to address proposed modifications to the Guidelines for the South Carolina Universal Service Fund.

As you are aware, the order adopting the State USF Guidelines is the subject of an appeal currently pending before the South Carolina Supreme Court. Other aspects of the Guidelines have been appealed and are pending in Circuit Court, and the Circuit Court appeals have been held in abeyance pending resolution of the Supreme Court appeals. We are also in receipt of in recent days of legislation which has either recently been introduced or is expected soon to be introduced which would, although our review is incomplete, appear to have great impact upon the Guidelines.

Because the above-referenced appeals remain pending and because it appears the legislature may now be taking action in this area, Embarq believes it would be premature for the Commission to re-examine the Guidelines at this time. It is Embarq's belief that a hearing at this time would not be in the public interest and would be an inefficient use of both the parties' and the Commission's limited resources and time.

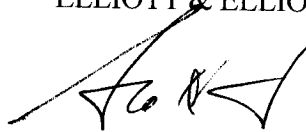
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Embarq respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the scheduled hearing and that it postpone re-examination of the Guidelines until the pending appeals have been resolved and the impact of any new legislation is apparent.

Sincerely,

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Scott Elliott

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cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served one copy of the attached letter dated February 22, 2007, in Docket No. 97-239-C on behalf of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas on all below listed parties to this proceeding by depositing a copy addressed to each in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid.

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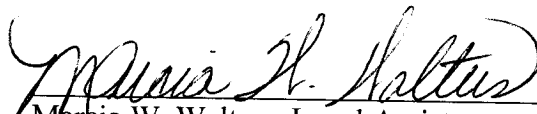
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